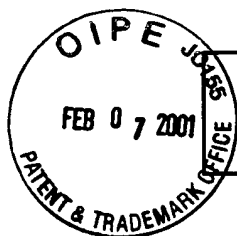


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A Page 1, line 2 beneath the title; after "1998," insert --{now abandoned,}.

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment to the specification, the cross-reference on Page 1 has been amended to reflect the fact that the present application is now abandoned.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form PTO-1449.

Since the non-asterisked references are of record in parent Application No. 09/202,769, filed December 21, 1998, and copies of said references are available therein, only a copy of the